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OF THE

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

29th Annual Meeting of the Stockholders

OF THE

American Saddle Horse Breeders' Association

HELD AT THE

HOTEL HENRY WATTERSON

LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY

APRIL 11th, 1919

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MINUTES

The meeting convened at 11:30 A. M. and was called to order by Acting President, Hon. Claude M. Thomas, who stated that the first business before the organization was the calling of the roll.

It was moved by Judge I. H. Thurman, seconded by Mr. J. W. Garrett that the calling of the roll be dispensed with. Motion carried.

The Hon. Claude M. Thomas then addressed the members as follows:

Fellow Stockholders:

That which is uppermost today, I am sure, in the mind of every loyal stockholder of this organization is that we meet for the first time without the guiding influence of the great commander who created this society, who loved it with all the fervor of his tender and sympathetic heart, who extended a gallant hand to all who were its friends, but gallant combat to any who was its enemy—the knightliest cavalier ever descended from the blood that came through the Wildernees Road from Old Virginia.

Gentlemen, I speak but for myself, and for myself I say, that of all the great Kentuckians I have known, judged from the many sides of life, he has had no equal. I do not mean that he excelled great Senators and distinguished lawyers in the art of oratory, or others whose fame is based on service in the literary world, or still others whose greatness has been achieved by giving to humanity the activities of colossal business enterprises. I mean only that, looked at from every point of view, unselfish service to his fellowman, without the hope, without the slightest expectation of remuneration or reward, putting forth every act of his life with a courage that knew no limits, a sense of honor that permitted no encroachment, by this estimate and measurement I never knew the equal of John B. Castleman.

To me, personally, and I am sure to you, the "coming of the Wild Rose and the Alder Blossom," the season in which he was born, will bring an annually recurring sorrow in its reminder that he is gone, but it will revive, too, as if in recompense, remembrances of our association with the most gallant, honorable and chivalrous chieftain under whom men have had the good fortune to serve.

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In truth, gentlemen, if you believe that like begets like, that "blood will tell," in the human equation as in the production of the beautiful animal to which your efforts are devoted, John B. Castleman could not have escaped distinction in the midst of his fellowmen. The blood in his veins was that of the Carters, the Cabells, the Harrisons, the Randolphs, the Jeffersons—the blood that gave three Presidents to the United States, and, collaterally, that dared to write and to present the "Resolutions of 1798." No wonder that in all his long and eventful life, in private or public affairs, in civil or military activity, he never stooped to do a mean or little thing. He did not know how. No wonder that in every undertaking he was guided by a sense of honor, and a love of truth, to an extent I have never known in any other man. Or that he passionately loved the beautiful in nature, as evidenced by the system of parks which he gave to this city, by the flowers of every variety and color which embowered his charming home, and by his life's devotion to the most beautiful creature of animal life, the horse in which we are interested.

I will not take your time to recall his distinguished services to his country in civil affairs, or on the fields of desperate military strife. The magnificent equestrian statue erected here in this city by voluntary contributions from men and women who knew and loved and honored him, the only tribute of like character paid to any man while yet living, so far as I am aware, is a more enduring testimonial to his splendid character and career than could be given by speech or produced by written book. Think of this, gentlemen, that this splendid hero of saddle horse history, when only twenty-two years of age, the Confederate Armies having been so depleted that additional man power alone could save them from defeat, was selected with one companion to enter the North and liberate the Southern soldiers confined in Northern prisons. And he would have succeeded had it not been for the treachery of those sent to give him aid. Thirty-five years later, a Brigadier-General in the armies of the United States, he was chosen by the President as the most available man to subdue the Spaniards in Porto Rico, and to give to that Island the beginnings of civil government under the Constitution of our beloved country. The whole story of this splendid life is so like fascinating romance that I am convinced some writer of novels, some genius like Scott or Bulwer Lytton, who weaves truth and history into the framing of his hero, will found his book upon the career of him whom I believe

to be the greatest, the handsomest, the most beloved, and, unfortunately, the last, of all the cavaliers.

I wonder if you have read his book "Active Service." If you have not done so, get it and read it, and then turn back and read again the chapter entitled: "The First Blue Ribbon." It tells of "Lightfoot," the bay three-year-old gelding by Gaines' Denmark, out of a mare by Boston; of John Castleman, then sixteen years old, and the negro slave, Isaac Bird; of John and Ike in the early mornings preparing and gaiting the bay gelding for the great fair soon to be held at Louisville; of the trip of Ike and his master to the city and the show—the first trip away from home; of the wonderful fair in 1857, and of the ring for saddle geldings—and Ike Bird says no man ever rode as John Castleman road "Lightfoot" that autumn day of 1857. And I believe it. Gentlemen, from that day to the moment of his death admiration for the saddle horse, and determination to see it developed, its blood lines tabulated and preserved, its beauty and availability for general use recognized, these were first in thought, and controlling in all the ambitions of his life. He established "The American Saddle Horse" as a distinct breed. Whatever we have attained, whatever success follows any man as an individual breeder, he owes not all, but most of all, to John B. Castleman, for without him there would have been no American Saddle Horse Breeders' Association, and no American Saddle Horse, as a recognized type and breed.

I could not come before you today without having taken this little of your time to pay this small tribute to that man whom we all so truly loved.

We have met here today under adverse circumstances. The war has effected the business in which you are engaged, but I want to tell you that, in my judgment, we are just facing an era of splendid prosperity along this line of work. Gentlemen, I see men here today who within the past year or eighteen months—and there are all over Kentucky, Missouri and other states, members of this organization such as you, when the Government of the United States said to them, we want a certain amount of money, in many instances more than the total capitalization of the banks of the county—it seemed to be an utterly impossible thing—I see these men here and know their worth, who went out and did that impossible thing, and it did not take three or four or five weeks, they did it in a single day. Now, General Castleman gave to us and built up this splendid organization. These men have been giving their attention to other things and have

not been registering their colts, and they have plenty of colts upon their farms that have not been registered, they have been losing interest because their minds were in France. I want to appeal to you gentlemen. We live by the little fees we get for registrations, the cost of our living is very small. Many of us come down here at our own expense, and are glad to come, but when you go back home, get the fellows back in the trenches to register their colts, that's the only means we have of making a living, go back and see your neighbors and you, yourself, see that the colts are registered. Our expenses have been rather large, because we had to pay for the publication of the new volume. It takes about Three Thousand or Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars to meet the expense of this organization. Now last year the breeders of America paid in for the registration of their foals, and for the purchase of the volume, about $2,000. That will not suffice, gentlemen. There are about a thousand colts that have not been registered. If we can get all of you interested we are going to thrive and live.

I am very much obliged to you for your attention. I wish I could speak longer, but we have a lot to do, and so we are going to proceed to business.

The next business before this meeting will be the report of the Secretary.

Secretary Lillard then submitted the following report:

SECRETARY'S REPORT AMERICAN SADDLE HORSE BREEDERS' ASSOCIATION

April 1, 1918 to April 1, 1919.

RECEIPTS.

	Entry Fees	Tr. Fees	Dup. and New Cert.	Exch.	Vol.	Int.
April	$90.00	$43.00	$8.50	$0.25	.....	.....
May	58.00	33.50	8.00	.20	.....	.....
June	58.00	16.00	.50	.....	.....	$3.39
July	63.00	8.50	18.00	.....	$5.00	.....
Aug.	87.00	10.00	8.00	.50	.....	.....
Sept.	56.00	4.50	2.00	.10	.....	.....
Oct.	106.00	5.00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Nov.	141.00	11.50	3.00	.55	.....	.....
Dec.	852.00	11.50	3.00	1.50	11.00	16.91
Jan.	40.00	6.50	4.50	.....	6.00	.....
Feb.	79.00	13.50	1.00	.10	.....	.....
March	75.00	15.50	8.00	.45	6.00	.....
	$1705.00	$179.00	$64.50	$3.65	$28.00	$20.30

Cash and Cash Tickets on hand March 31, 1918	$ 54.79	
Check returned unpaid	8.00	
Receipts:		
Entry Fees	1,705.00	
Transfer Fees	179.00	
Duplicate and New Certificates	64.50	
Exchange	3.65	
Sale of Register	28.00	
Interest Bank Balance	20.30	
Seelbach Realty Bonds sold	3,500.00	
		$5,563.24

DISBURSEMENTS.

Deposited with Fidelity & Columbia Trust Co., including Entry and Transfer Fees, etc., and proceeds from sale Seelbach Realty Bonds	$5,453.20	
Exchange charges on deposits	8.45	
Postage	85.50	
Sundry bills paid from cash	3.95	
Cash tickets	12.14	
		$5,563.24

TREASURER'S REPORT.

April 1, 1918 to April 1, 1919.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand March 31, 1918	$ 177.67	
Deposits, Fidelity & Columbia Trust Co.	1,932.90	
Sale Seelbach Realty Bonds	3,500.00	
Interest on deposits	20.30	
		$5,630.87

DISBURSEMENTS.

Salaries		$2,201.00	
Cups and premiums		207.30	
Rent		420.00	
Expenses:			
Printing Register Vol. VII and advance registrations to Vol. VIII	$1,458.54		
Stationery, Printing, etc.	170.82		
Office Supplies	27.65		
Taxes	24.01		
Advertising	5.00		
Stockholders and Directors Meetings	107.00		
Dues—Natl. Society Rec. Assns.	18.75		
Telephone Rent	52.86		
Insurance	44.36		
Floral design	25.00		
		$1,933.99	
Cash to take up unpaid check		8.00	
Cash in Bank		860.58	
			$5,630.87

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

Receipts for Year Ending April 1, 1918.

	Entry Fees	Tr. Fees	Dup. and New Cert.	Exch.	Vol.	Int.
April	$ 87.00	$17.50	$6.00	$0.40	.....	.....
May	56.00	14.00	7.50	.40	.....	.....
June	80.00	18.50	4.50	.39	$5.00	.....
July	86.00	8.00	8.50	.25	.....	.....
Aug.	134.00	9.00	11.50	.25	.....	.....
Sept.	134.00	10.00	6.00	.40	.....	$87.50
Oct.	110.00	11.00	7.50	.25	.....	.....
Nov.	176.00	8.00	8.00	.15	.....	.....
Dec.	1,142.00	18.50	1.50	2.60	.....	.....
Jan.	40.00	16.00	4.00	.....	.....	.....
Feb.	89.00	10.50	.....	.20	35.00	.....
Mar.	55.00	26.00	9.00	.10	60.00	87.50
	$2,189.00	$167.00	$74.00	$5.39	$100.00	$175.00

Receipts for Year Ending April 1, 1919.

April	$ 90.00	$43.00	$8.50	$0.25	.....	.....
May	58.00	33.50	8.00	.20	.....	.....
June	58.00	16.00	.50	.....	.....	$3.39
July	63.00	8.50	18.00	.....	$5.00	.....
Aug.	87.00	10.00	8.00	.50	.....	.....
Sept.	56.00	4.50	2.00	.10	.....	.....
Oct.	106.00	5.00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Nov.	141.00	11.50	3.00	.55	.....	.....
Dec.	852.00	11.50	3.00	1.50	11.00	16.91
Jan.	40.00	6.50	4.50	.....	6.00	.....
Feb.	79.00	13.50	1.00	.10	.....	.....
Mar.	75.00	15.50	8.00	.45	6.00	.....
	$1,705.00	$179.00	$64.50	$3.65	$28.00	$20.30

Total receipts for year ending April 1, 1918 $2,710.39
Total receipts for year ending April 1, 1919 2,000.45

Decrease ..... $ 709.94

Registrations for year ending April 1, 1919..... 402

Stallions 148
Mares 254

402

Registrations for year ending April 1, 1918..... 535
Registrations for year ending April 1, 1919..... 402

Decrease 133

Total Receipts from business April 1, 1918 to April 1, 1919.....$2,000.45

Total Expenses from business April 1, 1918 to April 1, 1919..... 4,770.29

Loss $2,769.84

Mr. Lillard then stated:

In offering this report I must admit it looks blue enough, it shows we cannot live very long unless something is done to better conditions.

There is much to encourage you to do this, for from every quarter there is inquiry for good saddle horses and dealers report that they cannot supply the demand for horses ready for service, and at prices better than they have heretofore been able to obtain.

On account of this bright outlook, I am sure many who have within the last two or three years quit breeding saddle horses will resume operations, being unable to resist the lure of profit and the appeal of love for the saddle horse, which, once alive, never dies.

Stock for breeding purposes, especially mares, has become very scarce, many good mares were taken by the government.

While I like good breeding, strong blood lines for three or four generations, and am loth to suggest a more liberal rule for entry than we now have, I beg to recommend a slight change in Rule 2 and hope some member will offer a resolution accordingly. Instead of requiring the first and second dams to be sired by a registered saddle horse, I would suggest to have Rule 2 so amended as to read that the first dam only shall be by a registered saddle horse.

I would like to repeat what the President said: There is too much carelessness among the breeders, in regard to registration. I do not want to criticise our directors, but some of them have eight and ten foals and have registered only one, and that one only when it was sold. I would like to urge them to register their colts. it is worth something to them—it is one of the purposes of the Association, and it is one of the means of protecting the value of the saddle bred horse.

It was moved by Mr. M. S. Cohen, seconded by Mr. P. Wooldridge, and carried, that the Secretary's report be accepted and filed.

Mr. John Collins then offered the following resolution, which was unanimously carried:

RESOLVED by the stockholders of the American Saddle Horse Breeders' Association that the Secretary of this organization be, and is, hereby directed to notify each of the stockholders at least six months in advance of the next annual meeting that a motion will be made at said meeting to strike out Rule 2 of the Registration Rules and to insert in lieu thereof the following:

"Rule 2. The FEMALE PROGENY of a registered saddle stallion and a mare by a registered saddle stallion."

The following Committees were then appointed:

Committee on Organization:

John T. Collins,
James L. Gay,
Mat S. Cohen.

Committee on Resolutions:

Judge I. H. Thurman,
Wilmore Garrett,
Sidney Bond.

No Committee on Credentials was appointed. Report of the Committees then followed:

Committee on Organization.

Mr. M. S. Cohen as Chairman of this Committee reported as follows:

Hon. Claude M. Thomas, President,
I. H. Thurman, 1st Vice President.
John T. Collins, 2nd Vice President.
P. Wooldridge, Treasurer.

Directors:

Hon. Claude M. Thomas, Paris, Ky.
U. G. Saunders, Lexington, Ky.
James Houchin, Jefferson City, Mo.
James L. Gay, Pisgah, Ky.
I. H. Thurman, Springfield, Ky.
H. M. Hobbie, Montgomery, Ala.
W. C. Dierks, Pittsburgh, Pa.
David Matlack, Winchester, Ky.
John T. Woodford, Mt. Sterling, Ky.
R. A. Long, Kansas City, Mo.
L. L. Wells, Cave City, Ky.
P. Wooldridge, Pewee Valley, Ky.
A. G. Jones, North Middletown, Ky.
Sam D. Hinkle, Shelbyville, Ky.

State Vice Presidents as follows:

New Hampshire.. O. B. Brown, Berlin.
Iowa ..... Jos. P. Standley, Bedford.
Wyoming ..... A. B. Brock, Buffalo.
Missouri ..... E. A. Trowbridge, Columbia.
Alabama ..... H. M. Hobbie, Montgomery.
Colorado ..... Bruce G. Eaton, Eaton.
Connecticut ..... Saml. Russell, Jr., Middletown.
Georgia ..... S. M. Carter, Carters.
Illinois ..... F. L. Wakefield, Heyworth.
Indiana ..... Benj. Johnson, Richmond.
Kentucky ..... J. W. Garrett, Ft. Garrett.
Louisiana ..... C. M. Hutton, Minden.
Maryland ..... E. C. Walton, Cumberland.
Mississippi ..... J. T. Atterbury, Estill.

New York..... Roswell Eldridge, New York.
Ohio ..... W. S. Robinson, Mt. Sterling.
Oklahoma ..... W. T. Miller, Porum.
Tennessee ..... T. H. Hartmus, Jackson.
Texas ..... H. E. Allen, Gainesville.
Virginia ..... Bernard Mason, Pearisburg.
West Virginia..... O. H. Hoffman, Thomas.
California ..... John E. Marble, So. Pasadena.
New Mexico ..... H. S. Burnham, Castleberry.
Arkansas ..... Burton O. George, Berryville.
Dist. of Columbia. M. E. Joyce, Washington.
Hawaii ..... A. F. Knudsen, Kakaha.
Canada ..... O. D. Weeks, Cardstown, Alberta.
North Carolina.... R. W. Everett, Pisgah Forest.
Pennsylvania ..... J. P. Crozer, Upland.

(Signed) JOHN T. COLLINS.
JAMES L. GAY,
MAT S. COHEN.

It was moved that the report of the Committee on Organization be adopted. Motion unanimously carried.

Judge I. H. Thurman as Chairman of the Committee on Resolutions read the following resolution:

John B. Castleman passed to his reward at his home in this city on May 23, 1918. We shall not know his like again. The members of this organization, so long dependent upon his wise direction, upon his self sacrificing devotion to the interests of the saddle horse, upon intimate relationship to his great and inspiring personality, come face to face with realization of his loss, recognize their inability to adequately express appreciation of their indebtedness, or place in words the feelings from the heart that would pay tribute to his memory.

He was one of the heroic figures of the great age in which he lived, and he had a hero's part in all the momentous events of that inspiring era of American history. Conspicuous in gallant leadership in two great wars, it may be said, in justice, that his country's debt to him is even greater because of his conception, and adherence thereto, of the duties of private citizenship. Of distinguished lineage it was his proudest satisfaction to be of, and to serve, and to see justice done, the humblest of his fellow men.

Because from our vantage point we had such opportunity to know, because, indeed, under such obligations that no length of time will enable us to redeem, it is not out of place that we should claim him to have been the most unselfish of men, whether viewed in private life or judged by his conduct in public affairs. Service —faithful, efficient and honorable—this was the governing motive in all the relationships of his splendid life.

As he loved truth and justice, like all great souls, he passionately loved the beautiful in nature. He would have lived in a wilderness of flowers, and sought them in winter where frosts do not fade their bloom, or chill their fragrant perfume. He conceived, and planned, and executed for this, his adopted city, a system of parks, more extensive and beautiful, perhaps, than adorn any municipality of like size in the world. And out there embowered in the vines, and shrubs and roses he loved, he built his charming home.

And so, because he loved nature, because his great heart and soul sought the lines that meet in the production of the beautiful, from his boyhood on through his eventful career, in tragic and in happy days, in war or peace, his ideal in animal nature was the saddle horse of his Virginia ancestors and the Kentucky environment in which he was born and in which he lived. It is not claiming too much to affirm that, aside from his home and family, love for the horse in which we are interested, the perfection of its form and gait, preservation by record of its blood lines, and recognition of its beauty and its adaptability for useful purposes, was his most earnest hope and determined ambition.

He created the American Saddle Horse as a distinct and recognized breed, and, in doing so, conceived and established the Record Association of which we are members, and of which he was President from its beginning, twenty-eight years ago, until the day of his death. To his judgment, his sacrifices, his friendship and sympathy, the American Saddle Horse Breeders' Association owes its origin, to a large part its maintenance, and its standing as a business institution.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Stockholders of this Association, in annual meeting at Louisville, Kentucky, April 11, 1919, that in the death of General Castleman we appreciate and understand not merely that the loss is irreparable, but that we owe to him all that this organization represents, and for which it stands in its relationship to the saddle horse industry and to his memory, a firm and resolute determination that we will continue and maintain it along the lines and within the purpose of its origin and previous activity.

RESOLVED, FURTHER, that expression of our sincere sympathy, as a body, and as individual members thereof, be, and the same is, hereby extended to Mrs. Castleman, and to each of the members of her family, in their sacred grief and bereavement.

(Signed) I. H. THURMAN,
J. W. GARRETT,
A. S. BOND.

The Committee on Resolutions further reported the following Resolutions:

E. W. McCormack, of Shelby County, Kentucky, a faithful, earnest and devoted member of the Board of Directors of this organization, passed away since our last meeting.

Mr. McCormack during all of his business life was devotedly attached to the interests of the saddle horse, and engaged in its production. At different times he owned some of the most celebrated horses of the breed and horsemen everywhere owe to him a debt of gratitude for the intelligent service he rendered in the production of the ideal type of the American Saddle Horse.

As a member of the Board of Directors of this organization he was always helpful and always wise in counsel, suggestion and advice.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors, and the Stockholders of the American Saddle Horse Breeders' Association that in his loss we realize one of the sincerest friends of the organization has been taken from us, and that the saddle horse breeding industry is deprived of an earnest helper and sincere friend.

RESOLVED, FURTHER, that an expression of the sympathy of this organization be, and the same is, hereby extended to Mrs. McCormack, and that a copy of this resolution, authenticated by the Secretary of the Society, be prepared and forwarded to her at Waddy, Kentucky.

Resolutions on the Death of William R. Goodwin.

"His life, with its wealth of accomplishment, is richer yet in the ideals which it typifies and inspires. And this tribute, from one who loved him for a quarter of a century, is haltingly penned in the hope that eager, high-minded youth now crowding the stage of life's activities may catch inspiration from a life lived with singleness of purpose and distinguished achievement in the service of others."

Less than a year ago William R. Goodwin, in the Breeders' Gazette, closed with these words his beautiful tribute to the memory of John B. Castleman. If Ingersoll's oration over the bier of his deceased brother shall survive as the supremest illustration of the eloquence of the heart, the editorial expressions from which these lines are quoted will live as the equal of

any in literature where written prose comes close to the highest poetry in the hands of the living in memorial of his deceased friend. How fittingly may they now be applied to him.

This Association in its first annual meeting since the death of its beloved founder and President, having just adopted its resolutions in commemoration of his life and splendid achievements, learns from one of its members that William R. Goodwin, alas, in turn, has passed to his reward. In profound sorrow we make expression of our obligations for services that have known no limit, and that have extended over a period covering the twenty-nine years since this organization was established. The saddle horse and its development, and especially the tabulation and preservation of its blood lines, have had no friend more sincere, or champion more determined and aggressive. That side of the profession of live stock journalism touching and featuring the life and the scenes of the show yard, has lost its more brilliant and, more, its most valuable and lovable member.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the American Saddle Horse Breeders' Association, in annual meeting at Louisville, this the 11th day of April, 1919, that, in the death of Mr. Goodwin, recognizing the irreparable loss that has come to our organization, of which he was for so long an active and enthusiastic member, a misfortune seldom touching so many lines of affairs has been brought not only to our society, but to every association of men engaged in the live stock industry.

RESOLVED, FURTHER, that these resolutions be spread upon our minutes, and that a copy thereof be forwarded to the family of Mr. Goodwin at Chicago.

(Signed) I. H. THURMAN,
J. W. GARRETT,
A. S. BOND.

Upon motion of Mr. M. S. Cohen the above resolutions were unanimously carried by a rising vote.

The next business before the meeting was the election of a Secretary.

It was moved by Mr. Powhatan Wooldridge, seconded by Mr. Mat S. Cohen, that the President cast one ballot for Mr. R. H. Lillard for Secretary. Same was unanimously carried and Mr. Lillard was declared elected Secretary.

There being no further business before the meeting, it stood adjourned.

(Signed) CLAUDE M. THOMAS,
President.

R. H. LILLARD,
Secretary.

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